

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20436

In the Matter of

**CERTAIN GEL-FILLED WRIST RESTS AND
PRODUCTS CONTAINING SAME**

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) **Inv. No. 337-TA-456**
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**NOTICE OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION TO REVIEW AND MODIFY AN INITIAL
DETERMINATION EXTENDING THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE
INVESTIGATION**

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined on its own motion to review and modify an initial determination (ID) (Order No. 14) issued on May 1, 2002, by the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) in the above-captioned investigation. The ALJ's ID extended the target date for completion of the above-captioned investigation by four months, from August 19, 2002, to December 17, 2002. The Commission has modified Order No. 14 to set a target date for completion of the investigation of November 18, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Beth Jones, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3106. Copies of the Commission's order, the ALJ's ID, and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS-ON-LINE) at <http://dockets.usitc.gov/eol/public>. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on May 17, 2001, based on a complaint filed pursuant to section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 on behalf of 3M Innovative Properties Company and Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (now 3M Company), both of St. Paul, MN. 66 *Fed. Reg.* 27535 (2001). The complaint, as supplemented, alleged violations of section 337 in the importation, sale for importation, and sale after importation of certain gel-filled wrist rests and products containing same that infringe certain claims of U.S. Letters Patent 5,713,544. The previous target date for completion of this investigation was August 19, 2002.

On May 1, 2002, the ALJ issued an ID (Order No. 14) extending the target date for completion of the investigation by four months, *i.e.*, until December 17, 2002. The ALJ requested that the Commission give expedited consideration to the ID. Although petitions for review of the ID were not due until May 13, 2002, the Commission gave the ID expedited consideration because, under the schedule current when the ID was issued, the due date for the ALJ's final ID on the question of violation was May 17, 2002. As a result of its *sua sponte* review, the Commission determined to modify the ALJ's ID of May 1, 2002, and set November 18, 2002, as the target date for completion of this investigation.

The authority for the Commission's determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. § 1337), and in sections 210.44, 210.45(c), and 210.51 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 C.F.R. §§ 210.44, 210.45(c), and 210.51).

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott
Secretary

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